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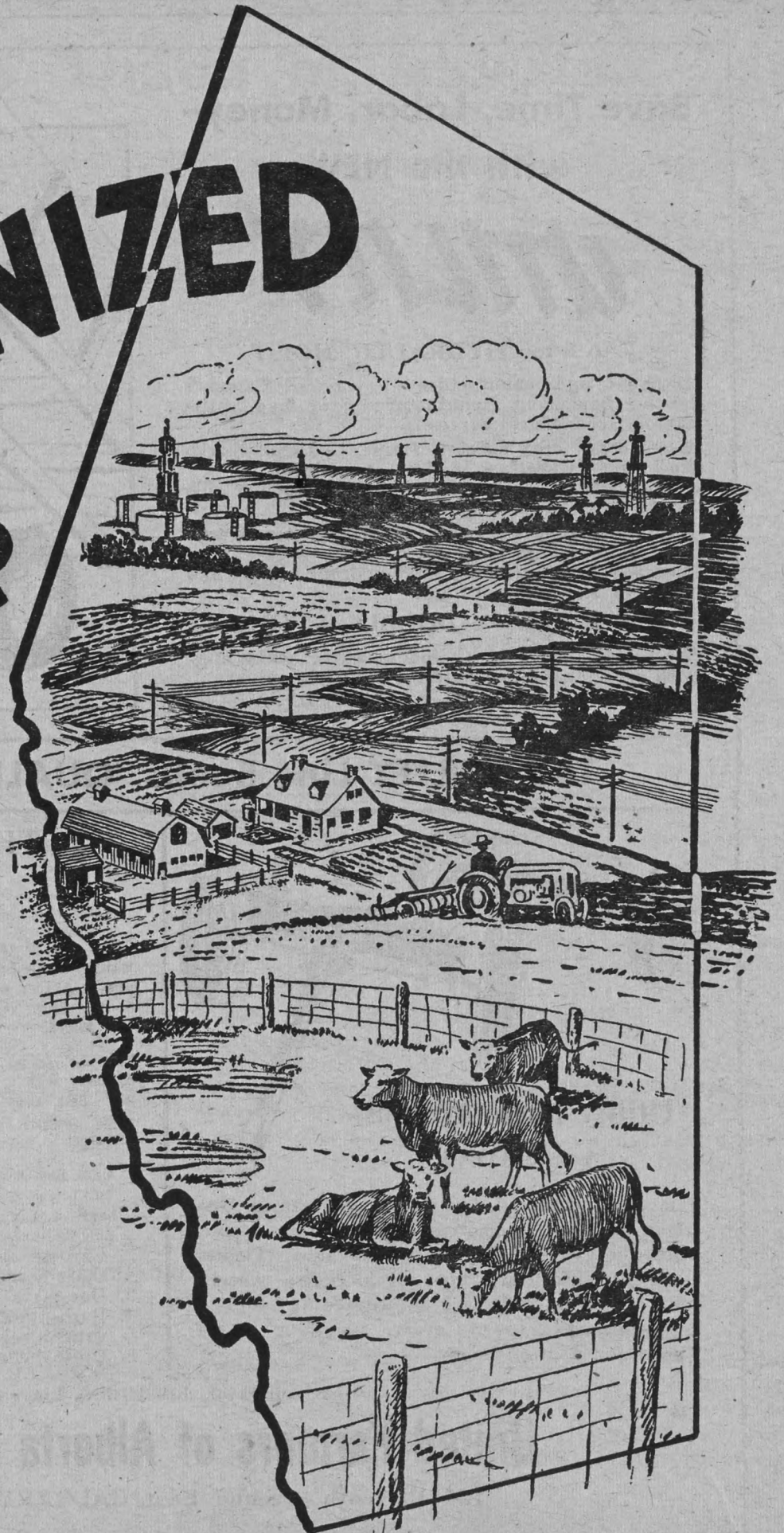
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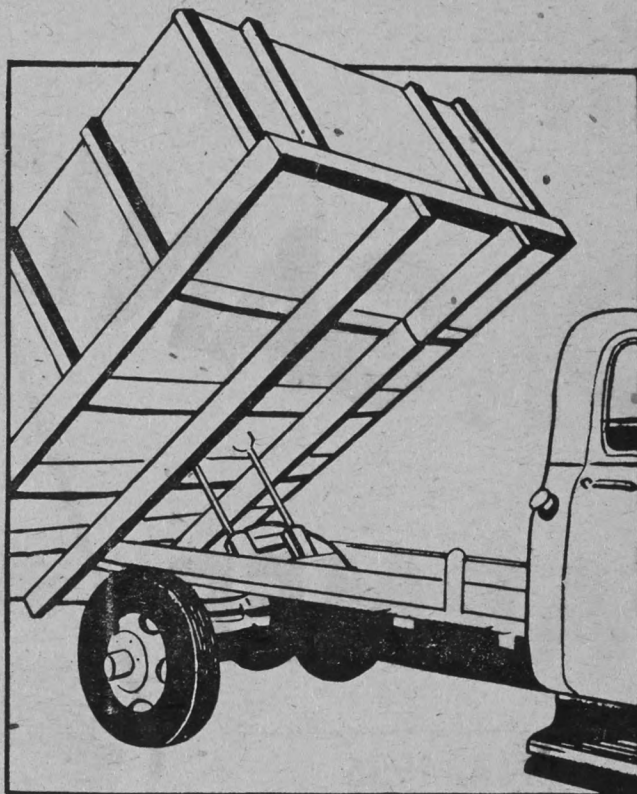
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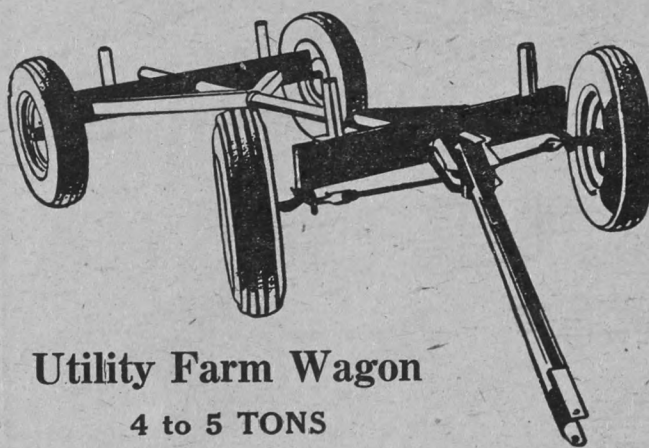
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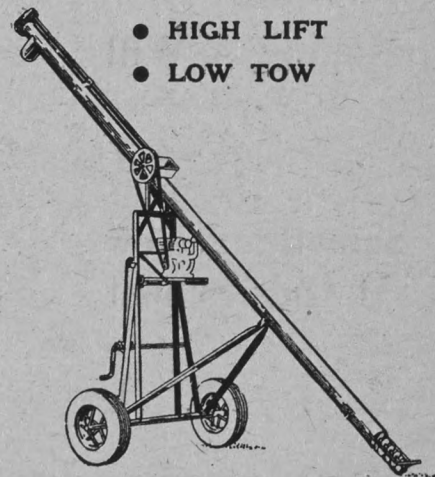
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## President's Report

Farmers' Day has again come and gone. While we have no information as to how well it was observed, it would seem that a great many locals observed the day in one form or another. Most of the daily papers mentioned Farmers' Day and gave some indication of its significance and the radio stations that I heard announced a number of events and also gave something on the significance of Farmers' Day itself. I attended three events that day, spending most of my time at Bawlf, where Mrs. Platt and I enjoyed the sport's day and met a number of fine FUA people from that area.

In the same general area, I had the pleasure of attending a meeting sponsored by the Tofield local at Kingman and discussing with them some of the farm problems we are facing. A trip to the Hays area was made and local problems discussed with the executive of their local. We had a large meeting of the local in the evening. The Hays area is a newly developed irrigation project settled mostly by young men attempting to establish themselves on the land under real pioneers and have what it takes to make very difficult circumstances. These people are real pioneers and have what it takes to make

a success of their undertaking. I hope we can be of some help to them in making their lot a little easier.

I had the opportunity of taking part in a panel discussion on agricultural credit before the Alberta meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Agriculture, held at Red Deer. Jim McFall of the federation of agriculture was also on the panel and we sort of ganged up on the rest and at least tried to get across the idea that a prerequisite to any credit policy were conditions that would enable farms to make a reasonable profit. If conditions on the farm were such that a reasonable profit could not be made then credit would not help. We had some good private discussion with the Chamber of Commerce people after the meeting, and I think we can look to these people for a lot of support on many parts of our program. Incidentally, Clare Anderson, director of District No. 3, was a delegate to this convention, representing the Barrhead Chamber of Commerce. I was told he did a first-rate job of upholding farm union thinking when the convention discussed agricultural policy. It is nice to see fellows like Clare telling our story wherever an audience can be found.

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Monthly Letter from

# Alberta Livestock Co-operative Limited

Dear Friends:

About this time of the year weeds get to be quite a problem with the farmer. So what does he do. He cultivates. Well, we're going to do a little cultivating in this issue. We're going over some ground that's been covered before but needs to be covered again.

We want to point out that even though cattle and hog prices have shown good improvement during the last month it does not mean that the marketing problems are different. Livestock marketing continues to be of extreme importance and the methods of marketing can be the factor that determines the difference between a strong and active trade and a slow draggy one.

The livestock producer is often himself directly responsible for a market trend. If he and his fellow producers make it a habit to dispose of livestock through non-competitive channels the buyer of that livestock has automatically reduced the necessity to compete with other buyers for what is put into competitive channels. The buyer must have a supply of livestock. It's either handed to him or he must compete for it.

This applies to both hogs and cattle. It's actually more noticeable with hogs than with cattle. Prices for hogs are established by sales on the public markets. All hog prices are based on these sales. Many processors however do not try to buy hogs on the public market simply because that would make extra competition and tend to force all prices higher. They can lay off the markets simply because so many producers consign directly to plants or buying stations. The A.L.C. has off-set this tendency towards decentralization to some extent through its sale of hogs accumulated by its affiliated Co-operative Livestock Shipping Associations. Their hogs are sold collectively, and at country shipping points that is the only representation that the producer has for the sale of his hogs. However decentralization is becoming more evident for cattle also. More buying stations, more connections with truckers and less actual competitive buying is becoming prevalent. We've simply got to repeat what we've so often said before, it's the producers' own problem and if he wants to think about it and do something about it, he certainly can improve his overall selling position.

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## Across The Secretary's Desk



By Mrs. Pansy Molen

The annual meeting of the Junior FUA Section was held on June 11 at the University of Alberta during Farm Young People's Week. Dr. E. J. Thompson of St. Stephen's College brought morning thoughts and Mayor Hawrelak extended greetings from the City of Edmonton.

Guest speaker at the opening session was Les Usher, supervisor of 4-H Club Work with the provincial department of agriculture. Mr. Usher spoke on "Young People in the Community".

Resolutions passed at the meeting advocated: A cash donation to the Banff Leadership Course, appointment of a provincial coordinator for junior work, age bracket for junior status be set at 14-30 years, support of 4-H activities and continuation of exchange visits.

Two Ontario delegates, Russell McAllister and Josephine Bird, and Mrs. Yvonne Quick of Saskatchewan gave accounts of the work done by juniors in their provinces. Mary Ellen Jones, "Miss Calgary Stampede Queen" for 1955, recounted highlights of her trip to Las Vegas and Hollywood.

At election of officers, Walter Scheidt of Didsbury was returned to the presidency by acclamation, while Dean Lien of Warner and Aubrey Marler of Bremner were chosen first and second vice-president, respectively. Junior directors elected included Alex McCalla of Bremner, District No. 6; Calvin Ross of Forestburg (re-elected), District No. 8; Laurena Pollock of Hubalta, District No. 10 and Hartley McDonald of Vulcan, District No. 12. The remaining slate of directors will be elected at the current district conventions.

Ideas for a new and more comprehensive Junior program, yielding from a buzz session, included debates in the locals, educational program based on workshops, leadership courses at the local level, action program based on farmstead planning and horticulture, educational program on farm management, public speaking in locals.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT . . . .

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Mr. Zyto, commercial attache to the Polish Legation in Ottawa, was an Edmonton visitor recently and I had an opportunity to spend an evening in his company. He is a personable young man and extremely well informed on matters pertaining to international trade. I was impressed with the very real markets that exist in Poland for Canadian grain if we would only import a reasonable amount of Polish products. Many of these products, such as linen would not compete with anything produced in Canada and would be placed on our market at a very competitive price. As a farm union we must redouble our efforts in the field of better trade relations with other countries. Opportunities for trade do exist. In the interests of ourselves, of Canada and of the world we must take advantage of them.

Farm Young People's week is now under way. A meeting was held just prior to this event that discussed the junior movement. Certain recommendations were made that will be presented to the board at their next meeting. If these recommendations are implemented it is hoped that it will be possible to revitalize the junior movement. Miracles must not be expected but great opportunities exist if we, and especially our junior members, are prepared to seize them.

—A. W. Platt



ANOTHER RED-LETTER DAY was marked by the Wetaskiwin Co-op Association on May 5, on official opening of a new lumber yard in that centre. Among the large crowd attending the ceremonies were these three prominent district co-operators — Olaf Rasmusson, Henry Young and Dave Garland. Mr. Rasmusson is a pioneer co-op promoter in the district, as is also Mr. Young, vice-president of the Farmer's Union of Alberta. Mr. Garland was formerly manager of the local association and is now district representative for Alberta Co-operative Wholesale Association in that area.

—Photo by Pat Ryan



# Pioneer Co-operator, Priestley, Retires

The final phase of the active career of an outstanding leader in the farm movement and co-operative field in Alberta was enacted at the regular meeting of the Calgary Co-operatives' Luncheon Club held in the grill of the Empress Hotel in Calgary on May 28, when Norman F. Priestley was presented with an oil painting on behalf of the directors and past directors of the Co-operative Union of Canada.

Mr. Priestley had been on the directorate of the union since 1949 and retired at the time of the dominion-wide co-operative congress held in Ottawa recently. At that time the directors had feted him at the Chateau Laurier and commissioned an artist to paint for him his favorite scene in the Rockies, a particular view of Mount Rundle. The presentation in Calgary was that of the finished canvas.

## Unfailing Support

A message from Ralph Staples, president of the Co-operative Union of Canada, said in part: "Few Canadians can claim such a lifetime of service to the co-operative movement through such a variety of strategic positions. Mr. Priestley's unfailing support for all movements in the best interests of society, and his ability to express himself on all occasions with clarity and dignity, will be sorely missed. It has not been our practice to mark the retirement of directors but this seems to us a very special occasion."

The directorship of the Co-operative Union was the last of many positions which Mr. Priestley has filled since he became active in the farm movement in Alberta some 50 years ago, and withdrawal from there marks his complete retirement from active participation. As he stated at the co-op luncheon, he is now "through retiring."

## Ordained Minister

Norman Priestley came as a boy from Yorkshire, England, to Alberta and homesteaded with his father and two uncles at Onoway in 1904. He was naturally interested in the betterment of society and not only took an immediate interest in early farm organizations but commenced studying for the ministry. For 12 years he served as a student and for 11 years after graduating from Alberta College and the University of Alberta, as an ordained minister.

His participation in the farm movement

continued along with his work as a minister of the gospel. In 1929 he obtained leave of absence (which still continues) from the ministry to engage in research work for the Alberta Co-operative Council (later known as the Federation of Agriculture) in regard to the 1919-1920 Canadian Wheat Board surplus trust funds. He served in this capacity until 1931, during which time he was also associate secretary of the Alberta Institute of Agriculture, an organization for the promotion of co-operation, connected with the University of Alberta.

## Multiple Offices Held

In 1931 he was elected at the annual meeting of the U.F.A. to the office of vice-president which he held until 1940. He then became chairman of the U.F.A. committee on co-operation. During succeeding years, he built up co-operative purchasing by U.F.A. members to the point where a separate division was set up, known as the U.F.A. Co-operative. Norman was appointed general manager in 1940 and remained in that post until he retired in 1951.

For two years after retiring as manager of the United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative, he held the post of secretary of the Co-operative Union of Alberta, when he once again bowed to time and laid down the reins. Although his recent retirement from the directorate of the Co-operative Union of Canada marks the relinquishing of his last office, he still plans to make a contribution to the organizations he has labored with over the years.

He is presently engaged in writing a detailed history of the farm movement in Alberta for the Farmers' Union. The work not only requires the wide personal knowledge that Mr. Priestley has of the subject but also necessitates tremendous research to make the work thoroughly authentic. He is engrossed in the assignment and hopes that his good health will continue long enough for him to achieve a final contribution of the calibre he wishes to complete. Co-operators across the province salute the veteran and look forward to reading his completed book.

## Best on Offer

"Am I good enough for you, my dearest?" asked the young suitor anxiously.

"No, George," said the maiden pensively; "but you're much too good for some other girl to have."



# Official Opening Slated For Union Headquarters

By Charlie Schille

The Farmers' Union of Alberta is out to show the public that there is something tangible and lasting about the farm union movement. To mark a milestone of achievement, plans are now being wrapped up for official opening ceremonies of the new FUA building on July 18.

Although the office building has been occupied since late last fall, opening ceremonies have been delayed to this summer to allow completion of landscaping. Also, union officials were anxious that a season be chosen when members farther out in the country could be present to share in the auspicious occasion. The date decided upon is mid-week of Edmonton's annual exhibition, the afternoon of which has been declared a civic holiday here in the city.

## Ceremonies

With regard to the actual program, the event is to be done up in top style. Alberta's

lieutenant-governor, Hon J. J. Bowlen, has graciously accepted to discharge the official opening ritual. Also expected to be on hand are provincial government, civic and university dignitaries and officials from other farm organizations. Henry Young, vice-president of the farm union, will address the gathering on behalf of the building committee.

To culminate the occasion, tea will be served in the lower floor premises from 3 to 5 o'clock.

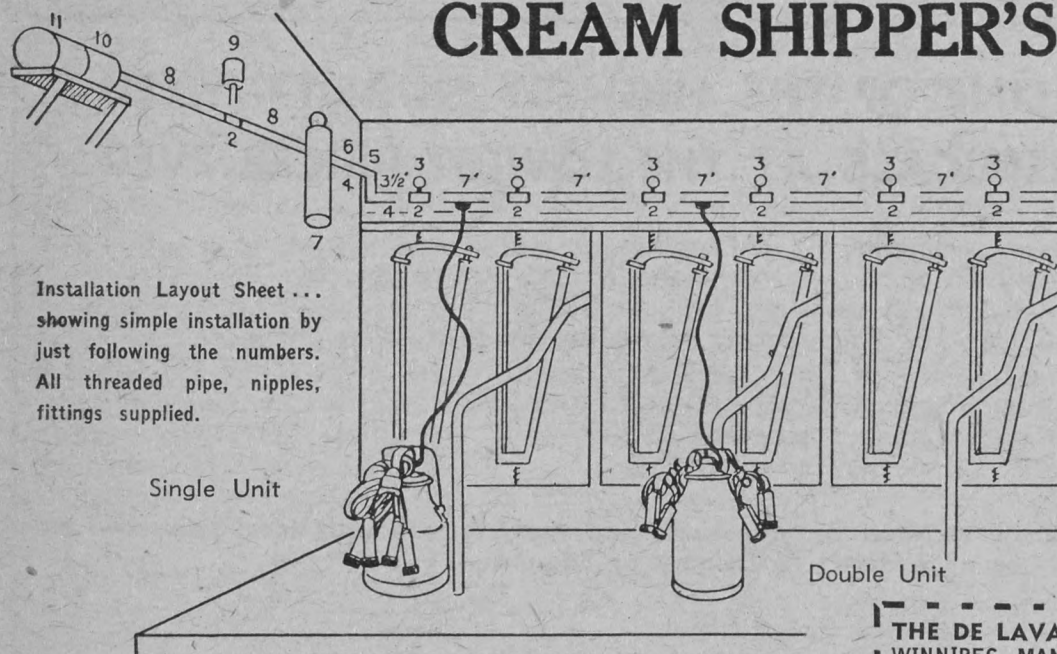
## Invitation

Farm union members and their friends from throughout the province are invited to attend. Remember the the date — afternoon of July 18; the place — 9934 - 106 St., Edmonton; starting time — 2 p.m.

## CORRECTION

An Alberta Wheat Pool ad. appearing on the back page of last month's issue of The Organized Farmer declared that "nearly 3,200 farmers" shared in pool patronage dividends this year. The figure was incorrectly published — it should have read "nearly 32,000 farmers". — The Editors.

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## Broader Junior Program Proposed

Alberta's junior farm union movement came in for some searching analysis at an FUA-sponsored meeting held in Edmonton June 5. Representatives from the provincial government, university, 4-H Alumni, co-operatives and other farm organizations met to develop proposals aimed at making the junior movement function to better advantage. Mr. Platt chaired the day-long proceedings.

It was agreed by the gathering that a recommendation be made to the FUA board of directors to engage a provincial supervisor for junior activities, with the age bracket for juniors set at 18-30. (Such a person would have the active support of other farm organizations, co-operative groups, department of agriculture and university extension department, it was indicated).

In reaching this decision, general agreement was expressed that the interests of farm young people between the age of 14 to 18 could

best be served by the existing 4-H program. FUA and FWUA locals should be ready to supply leaders and sponsorship in this case, it was felt. In the final years of 4-H participation, material could be introduced to acquaint rural youth with the program of the junior FUA body, such as co-operative principles, concepts of farm management, importance of farm industry and role of farm organizations in rural life.

Dealing with liaison between seniors and juniors at the community level, the meeting suggested that the young people could form separate locals or engage in activities to complement the work of seniors.

Recommendations put forth by the meeting will be presented to the FUA board of directors at its summer meeting in July.

### Real Willpower

Having been told that Canada was the land of milk and honey, a young Scottish immigrant spied a 50-cent piece at his feet as he was coming down the gang-plank.

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## Men and Machines

By W. J. (Bill) Harper

Last month we mentioned the rayol commission which sat in Ottawa in 1936-37 and at Regina in 1939. These commissioners made an exhaustive analysis of the farm machinery business in Canada. We mentioned also the brief which was presented in Regina by the Co-operative Association of Saskatchewan, which suggested that the most effective way of solving the problem of high machinery costs was for the farmers to get into the business for themselves on a co-operative basis.

This idea quickly "caught on" and by 1940 Canadian Co-operative Implements was incorporated. The company was set up to do business in the three prairie provinces. Capital was to be raised by the sale of shares to farmers, on the basis of 10 cents per cultivated acre, with a minimum investment of \$10.

Before the campaign for shares could be completed, however, the war was at its worst and apparently it was not possible for the new company to get into business on any worthwhile scale until peace was again in sight.

Therefore, it was not until 1944 that the campaign was resumed. During 1944-45, meetings were held in almost every district across the prairies and canvassers were appointed to call on practically every farmer. Support was widespread, resulting in a membership of 46,000 and share capital in excess of \$800,000 by the end of 1945.

In order to maintain democratic control of the company, the provinces were divided into a number of districts, each of which set up their own provisional board to assist in carrying out the membership drive. (Alberta was divided into 12 districts, extending from Peace River to Medicine Hat). This district setup remained in effect until 1948. By this time the stage of organization was past and the function of district associations had been completed.

The districts were therefore disbanded and their shares called in. New shares of equal value in the company were issued to individual members. The three prairie provinces were then divided into 156 unincorporated districts, 33 in Alberta. Each district is represented by a delegate, elected every two years by members in that area.

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One of the best ways to save face is to keep the bottom half of it shut.

## Pool Bursaries Announced

Every year the Alberta Wheat Pool offers Alberta farm boys and girls a number of valuable bursaries and scholarships.

The most valuable of these are the Alberta Wheat Pool Bursaries for Rural Students. Two, each worth \$500 a year are awarded annually, one to a student whose home is in the southern part of the province and one to a student from the north. The \$500 will be paid to each recipient in each of their undergraduate years up to and including five years, providing a satisfactory scholastic standing is maintained. While application will be considered from students registered in any graduate degree program, preference will be given to students entering the faculty of agriculture. These bursaries, tenable at the University of Alberta, are open to students whose parents are engaged in farming and who derive their major income from that source. The awards will be based on the scholastic record of the candidates in high school and their need for financial assistance.

Six Henry Wise Wood Memorial Bursaries amounting to \$135 each, are awarded by the Alberta Wheat Pool annually to assist farm young people to attend the provincial schools of agriculture. Members and former members of any of Alberta's 4-H clubs are eligible. One boy and one girl registered at each of the province's three agricultural schools will receive one of these awards.

The Alberta Wheat Pool also offers scholarships enabling former garden club members to enroll in home economics at the University of Alberta. Scholarships with a value of \$200 each are offered annually to three students entering the first, second and third years of the home economics course.

Further information on any of these scholarships or bursaries can be obtained by writing directly to the head office of the Alberta Wheat Pool in Calgary.

In addition to its scholarships and bursaries, the Alberta Wheat Pool each year assists 35 farm boys and girls to attend Farm Young People's Week at the University of Alberta. It also provides assistance to young people selected to attend the Rural Leadership Course held each autumn at the Banff School of Fine Arts.

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The only way that anyone is able to live off the fat of the land is by owning the goose that lays the golden egg.

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## ***EDITORIALS***

Hans and May Hasselmann send greetings from Flensburg, Germany, where they are currently visiting. Hans is a sub-director in District No. 12 and has always been one of our top supporters in the farm union movement. He and his wife are clearing up his father's estate at the present time and making a tour of some of the European countries. Hans says that he will be the main speaker at a Farmers' Bund meeting which is celebrating its 100th year of existence. We are sure he will be very much at home at such a meeting and will give them an excellent talk. It is very interesting to know the age of farm organizations in some of the other countries of the world.

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### **CURBING ALCOHOLISM**

Alcohol has been termed by many as "the greatest curse of our times". People who subscribe to this belief back up the validity of their contentions by citing the soaring incidence of broken and jumbled homes, alarming upswing of traffic accidents, crime and delinquency.

No one can rightfully deny these claims nor close his eyes to the consequences of drink evident on every hand. Law enforcement, social

and welfare agencies can produce bulging files documenting the sad state of affairs. The record is pitiful. Rather than showing signs of improvement, conditions are worsening. What is at the root of our liquor problem?

Boiled down in general terms, the cause indicates a definite weakening in the moral fibre of our society. Alcohol in itself is neither totally good nor totally bad, any more so than autos and machines for instance. Where the former destroys morally, cars and tractors kill and maim physically. People bent on drinking cannot be dissuaded much more likely than those bent on driving. Prohibition was long ago found to be impractical and abortive in controlling the evils of drinking.

It has been strongly contended by some that greater rigidity in our liquor laws would materially improve conditions. On the other hand, it has been suggested that a number of clauses under existing provincial regulations promote excessive consumption and should be relaxed, particularly in respect to hard liquor. In judging the two opposing views, we are far more inclined to go along with the latter suggestion, if considered in proper degree.

Regardless of the points raised, no amount of government legislation will curb the widespread alcohol problem — it is vastly more social than legislative. If remedies are to be gained, the initiative must come from society at large through individual "legislation".

The school and the church can play a vital role, but none so important as the home. It is here that character is largely molded and that is where responsibility should mainly rest too. Homes where total abstinence is laid down have all too often brought forth young men and women who crave to taste "the fruits of fermentation". Being unshackled from parental supervision, they have pursued this craving with a sense of abandon, much to the sorrow of themselves and their parents. In other homes, parents have set a poor example or no example at all, thereby producing results parallel or even worse.

Does not the proper course lie somewhere between the two? To the extent that character is shaped and reinforced in the home, so shall the effects become evident in controlling alcoholism and excessive drinking.

—C. C. S.



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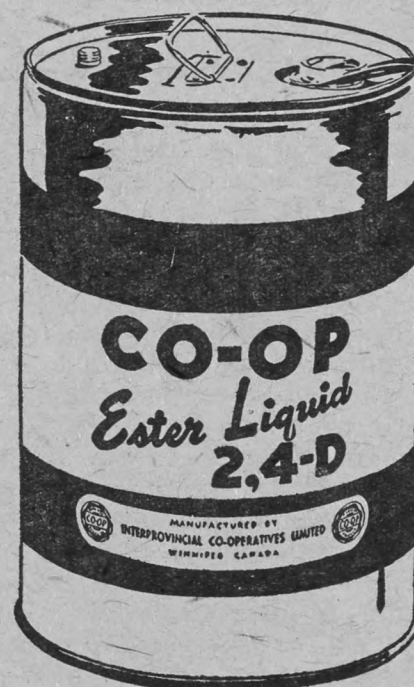
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# FWUA Section



## President's Report

### Water Safety

The week of July 1-7 has been declared Water Safety Week. As you know, it is a holiday weekend and many go swimming and boating. The Red Cross and the Safety Council are doing a splendid job in educating the public to the dangers of water as well as proper rules to observe so that accidents will not occur. Water sports can be very enjoyable if everyone understands procedure, and "smart Alec" tactics are taboo. It would be timely to emphasize water safety in your locals.

### Olds School of Agriculture

There is something special going on at Olds just now. For the first time, the entire enrolment of 120 boys and girls are from the various Indian bands in Alberta. On June 1, on the occasion of Mrs. Berry's A.C.W.W. meeting, we had the pleasure of seeing the girls busy at sewing, cooking, etc. in home economics, and the boys learning mechanics, field crops, animal husbandry etc. in agriculture. I was pleased to learn that these students were showing a real interest and some already were planning to return for the winter term. I learned they were very co-operative and wanted to observe rules and were a good group to handle. Since Alberta Indians happen to be our study this year, I was especially pleased to see these young people learning to do things for themselves, and I think it's a forward step. Mrs. Berry was greatly impressed, and I'm sure they enjoyed her description of agriculture in various parts of the world. Perhaps it would be well to mention here that we would like to see more young people avail themselves of these courses in agri-

culture and home economics. The enrolment figures are down, especially girls.

### Official Opening

The official opening of our new FUA office building will take place on July 18 and a very nice program has been arranged, starting at 2 o'clock.

## F.W.U.A. Hi-Lights

A joint FWUA-FUA meeting was held by Cork FWUA No. 402 and herad Mrs. Mathison give an interesting and instructive address.

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Stpledene FWUA (Lloydminster) also plan to have their councillor attend a joint FWUA-FUA meeting to speak on "Municipal Finances."

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A Bake Sale is planned by New Borschiw FWUA No. 625, on June 16th, at the Holden Meat Market. Proceeds of sale to go entirely to the A.C.W.W. delegate to Ceylon. Edmonton FWUA local No. 603 heard on interesting review, by Mrs. Barbara V. Cormack, of her last book "The House", which is a true picture of life in Alberta 30 years ago.

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Interesting and informative talks were given by Mrs. Douglass and Mrs. Johnston at a meeting of Fleet FWUA No. 1104. A joint FWUA-FUA meeting has been planned to discuss the bulletin and questionnaire on "Livestock Marketing."



Edwell FWUA No. 1019 (Penhald), at their last meeting, heard a very interesting talk on the progress and accomplishments of the FWUA given by Mrs. Ray Carter.

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Marwayne FWUA No. 716 report \$78.51 collected at a Tag Day for the Mental Health Society. Seven members of Marwayne local FWUA went to Vermilion to hear Mrs. Berry of the A.C.W.W. speak and greatly enjoyed hearing and seeing her.

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A discussion on Municipalities was held by Gleichen FWUA No. 1010 and it was suggested that they invite one of their concillors to attend a meeting of the local.

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St. Alberta FWUA No. 502 (Edmonton) are making a donation of \$15.00 to the A.C.W.W. delegate's fund. Mrs. Ball gave a most interesting report on the Leadership Course held at Onoway.

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Sydenham-Gerald FWUA No. 710 (Wainwright) wish to cangratulate Rawleigh Kett, the Wheat Pool candidate to Farm Young People's Week, sponsored by this local. The visit of Mrs. Berry to Vermilion was greatly enjoyed by the ladies who heard her speak.

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The members of Swalwell FWUA No. 1017 visited both Ghost Pine Local and Three Hills Local. These ladies feel that, since the men of the district have not dealt with the matter of the Marketing questionnaire, they will take the responsibility themselves.

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Chinook FWUA No. 1213 (Pincher Creek) report a very nice Farmers' Day picnic. These women are starting a St. John's Ambulance course.

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CJCA's interview with Mrs. Berry, was listened to via radio by the members of Gwynne FWUA local No. 918, and thoroughly enjoyed. Those ladies who heard Mrs. Berry at Lacombe report a very pleasant and educational hour and a half.

### DISCUSS DRUG ADDICTION

The annual conference of the FWUA in sub-district 3, District 11, was held in Cereal May 28. Mrs. Olive Douglass, provincial vice-president; Mrs. R. Johnstone, director, and Mrs. W. Anderson, sub-director, were all present to report to four locals of Sedalia, Glenada Helmsdale and Naco.

After a brief but thorough handling of the

business and resolutions at hand, Mrs. Douglass spoke on "Plans for Organizing the Juniors."

Because a resolution from a previous conference, dealing with penalty for drug pedlars, had been referred to the locals for further study, Mrs. Johnstone procured one of only seven copies of a detailed report by the Government Senate Committee on Narcotics and Drug Addiction in Canada. There are around 212 known addicts in Canada, compared with 3,212 in Britain the report discloses. Half of all Canadian addicts are in Vancouver. It appears the committee recommends "general education" rather than "definite instruction" for the public in this matter.

Mrs. Anderson gave a brief outline of membership standing in the area, suggesting year round canvassing to maintain and strengthen it. She favored the resolution of getting information from the Department of Municipal Affairs on legislation to provide for FUA dues as a requisition on taxes.

During the course of the afternoon, the gathering enjoyed a monologue on "Reducin'" given by Peggy Ann Berg in the role of a Negro Mammy, and a duet "Seven Hills to Home" by Joyce Dahl and Sonia Smith.

The next conference is to be held at Naco.

—Mrs. G. Smith

### Hidden Fear

"Now, young man, don't fly faster than sound," an elderly lady admonished the pilot of a new jet airliner, "my friend and I want to talk to each other."



"Emma, why don't you be like Miss Le Fever? She buys such nice dresses."

# **From A POINT OF LAW:**

By A. M. Brownlee

(With this issue we introduce the first article of a regular feature on legal matters, designed to acquaint farm people with various provisions of the law. Allan M. Brownlee, the author, is a son of J. E. Brownlee and a senior partner in the law firm. Here in Alberta the Brownlee name is regarded as synonymous with service to agriculture and we trust this new feature will continue that worthy estate.

Mr. Brownlee will welcome queries. These should be addressed to him at the firm of Brownlee, Brownlee & Fryett, 506 Imperial Bank Bldg., Edmonton. Matters raised in such queries may be discussed from time to time in this column, with all names and details treated in strictest confidence by the author.—The Editors).

## **FAMILY RESPONSIBILITY IN MAKING OF WILLS**

In recent years the government of this province has seen fit to enact legislation broadening the concept of "dower rights", and to provide that dependents of a deceased person shall be entitled to assistance from such deceased person's estate.

In the case of husband and wife, The Dower Act was amended in 1948 so as to provide that either spouse shall have a dower interest in real property owned by the other spouse. Formerly, while a wife had a dower interest in real property owned by the husband, the husband had no dower interest whatsoever in his wife's property. The dower interest applies either to a quarter section of farm lands which is used as the family home, or a parcel of land in the city (not greater than four lots) on which the home is located. Under The Dower Act, the registered owner of such property cannot sell, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of any portion of the real property without the consent in writing of his or her spouse.

In 1947 our legislature enacted the Testators Family Maintenance Act, the name of which was changed in 1954 to The Family Relief Act. This legislation is designed for the purpose of providing adequate maintenance and support for dependents of deceased persons. If, for example, adequate provision for the proper maintenance and support of a widow is not given by the will of her husband, or if he

should die intestate and her share under the intestacy laws should not make such adequate provision, a court can order that a larger portion of the husband's estate be used for such purpose. To obtain assistance under the act, the widow must make application to a judge of the Supreme Court of Alberta in Chambers. Upon the widow making such an application, the judge will enquire into all matters which he thinks should be considered including the deceased's reasons (if they are ascertainable) for making his will the way he did, or for not making adequate provision for his widow. The judge may refuse to grant any assistance to a widow whose character or conduct disentitles her to assistance. This rule might well be applied in cases of desertion. Having considered all relevant matters and listened to witnesses called for or against the widow, the court will reach its decision.

If the judge decides that the widow qualifies for assistance under the act, he must then consider what portion of the husband's estate must be diverted from other beneficiaries in order to make adequate provision for the widow's maintenance and support. On this question there are an abundance of court decisions from English and Canadian courts where similar legislation exists. It would be very difficult in an article of this kind to review all of the principles which the courts follow in such cases; but certain basic principles do seem clear. The relief given a widow will not be restricted to an amount which will provide her merely with the bare necessities of food, clothing or shelter. If the estate is large enough to make it possible, the court will take into consideration the station in life enjoyed by the widow prior to her husband's death, and some allowance beyond bare necessities will be made. In one Alberta case, the widow of a wealthy man was awarded approximately \$600 a month for life together with \$35,000 in cash. This is a good illustration of how far a court may go, although it probably should be regarded as an exceptional case inasmuch as the estate was large and the only other beneficiary was a charitable organization which had no real claim on his bounty. The court would undoubtedly take into consideration other matters such as the age and state of health of the widow.

Under certain circumstances children may make a claim upon a parent's estate for main-



tenance and support. Children under 19 years of age are considered "dependents", and presumably a court will make an allowance which continues until such a child is of age. On the other hand, the term "dependent" includes, in the words of the statute "a child of the deceased who is over the age of 18 years at the time of the deceased's death, and unable by reason of mental or physical disability to earn a livelihood". Under this provision courts have, for example, required payment to be made from a parent's estate to cover the cost of hospitalization in a mental hospital of a mentally defective child. Similarly, provision has been made in certain cases to give some assistance to a child of the deceased who may have suffered a partial disability which makes it impossible to hold full time employment.

Finally, The Family Relief Act permits the husband of a deceased woman to make an application to the court in the event that her will does not make adequate provision for him and provided, of course, that he can indicate his dependency or partial dependency upon her.

It will be obvious to anyone that court proceedings of this kind cannot help but strain and sometimes completely break family ties when, for example, a widow must fight in court with her children or relatives in order to obtain the support to which she is entitled. Such situations can be avoided to a great extent by the careful consideration of family responsibilities when making a will.

### False Invasion

In a mock exercise, the American army dropped dozens of commandos in the remote Kentucky hills.

As the parachutes billowed forth, a young urchin from one of the hill clans rushed into his family's shack and shouted: "Come quick, Paw. The stork is fetchin' a whole passel o' kids to our place!"

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# "Know Your Directors"



HERBERT P. MARQUARDT

An abundance of conviction and enthusiasm characterizes the outlook of Herbert P. Marquardt, of High Prairie, FUA director for District No. 2. One of the youngest members on the board, Mr. Marquardt at 36 has gathered quite a fund of experience in farm union and community activities. Always optimistic, he holds enough realism to know that it takes a lot of

hard work to put ideas and theories into practice, whether in actual farming or in other matters.

"Herb" was born at Leduc, a short distance south of Edmonton, and graduated from high school there in 1940. He left the district five years before the memorable oil discovery of 1946 brought "black gold" to that area. Harkening to the pull of the northland, he took up land near the Peace River settlement of High Prairie. From a modest beginning, the picturesque farm has now been developed into a holding of six quarters. Malting barley is grown exclusively and a few cattle are raised.

Farm union activities have claimed a sizeable portion of Mr. Marquardt's time since he joined in 1946. Before being elected district director in 1954, he filled a sub-director's post for three years and prior to that had been local president for two years. In addition, he has been president of his local co-operative association for the past two years, president of the rural electrification association for two years and of the credit union for three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Marquardt (the former Margaret Fisher) have five children — four girls and a boy. Three of the girls attend school, the oldest going to junior high.

As a sort of an afterthought, Herb mentions that he is particularly fond of music and modern square dancing. He learned to play trumpet in the Leduc band during his youth and after coming to High Prairie instructed over 25 teenagers on various musical instruments. This enabled the group to form a community band, which he conducted for a number of years.

## MAY MEMBERSHIP RECORD

		Men May	To date Men	May Women	To date Women	May Assoc.	To date Assoc.	May Jrs.	To date Jrs.	To date Total
DISTRICT	1	22	1456	5	399	---	---	3	239	2094
DISTRICT	2	31	1541	15	457	---	1	5	320	2319
DISTRICT	3	34	1624	7	477	---	2	3	293	2396
DISTRICT	4	74	2124	24	624	---	1	6	503	3252
DISTRICT	5	24	1542	16	555	---	4	12	394	2495
DISTRICT	6	14	2740	9	1160	---	9	4	681	4590
DISTRICT	7	33	2589	14	840	---	4	5	471	3904
DISTRICT	8	8	2023	3	560	---	---	---	292	2875
DISTRICT	9	19	2283	12	713	2	7	5	354	3357
DISTRICT	10	144	2661	9	658	---	16	4	272	3607
DISTRICT	11	16	1025	13	401	---	10	2	154	1590
DISTRICT	12	21	2104	10	833	---	10	5	317	3264
DISTRICT	13	77	704	1	261	---	5	---	92	1062
DISTRICT	14	10	1689	1	507	---	1	---	241	2438
TOTAL		527	26105	139	8445	2	70	54	4623	39243



## Open Forum

Letters for publication from members and subscribers only in The Open Forum must be brief. Pen names may be used if desired, but the pen name of the sender must accompany the letter. **A recent Board of Directors' ruling limits letters to 300 words and those longer cannot be accepted.** Readers are asked to observe this change. The F.U.A. does not endorse or accept any responsibility for opinions expressed under this heading.

Sir:

Just why friend Maurice E. Brown should be so distressed because Henry Young said a few words in favor of the dairy industry is really mysterious to me. The reasons he gives for his disturbance surely belong to one who lives in a make-believe world, one which does not exist. He admits that we live in a world where the manufacturers of goods are generally protected by tariff walls in the interest of big business. He believes it is a pernicious system, and with that I agree. But who would benefit if the farmers were innocent or ignorant enough to lie down and smile while the big mills ground them to dust?

Is not farming a business? Mr. Young's thinking may be immature: better that than "plain stupid". So, Mr. Brown says, we must not ask for legislation to protect us from that which has brought us to the brink of economic ruin. Therefore it seems he would be quite willing to offer agriculture on the altar as a sacrificial goat, in order to appease the wicked and destructive god which dominates "our way of life".

By the way in what other lines of production can the Canadian farmer compete fairly and successfully on the markets of the world? Mr. Brown says there are such.

A. E. Sherratt,  
Mayerthorpe, Alta.

Sir:

It is to be hoped that officers of F.U.A. locals draw the attention of their members to the series of full page ads by the A.L.C. It seems to me the reputation of A.L.C. and its affiliates has declined in recent years due to sparse publicity, sometimes to inefficient operation and to lack of contact with their membership. It is not enough for the A.L.C. to claim that it is a democratic organization and cannot move unless pushed from below. The rank and file must have leadership and direction. Leaders must stand out where they can be seen, otherwise we are going to go astray.

Too often union local meetings sit around grip-

ing and criticizing. Through our co-ops we can get out and do things for ourselves. Let us make the A.L.C. a means to an end, greater bargaining power for the farmer. Eventually we must retain control of our product, name our price and make our own bargain with the consumer, instead of allowing a self-interested third party, the packer, to do it for us.

May I make a proposal dealing with a current practical problem? Since the stockyards render a service to all producers in establishing prices and a measure of values, should not all producers, whether selling to the yards or not, contribute to their support? Therefore I propose that a levy be imposed on all fat stock for slaughter in the province, out of which the running expenses of the yards would be met. The effect of this would be to increase the apparent short-term advantage of selling direct to the plants; thus more fatstock would be attracted to the yards and they would be better able to fulfill their function.

Leslie Pritchard,  
Wetaskiwin, Alta.

## For Safety's Sake

By W. J. Perkins

Farm Safety Director, Alberta Safety Council

The farm tractor can be a killer! The truth of this statement will be realized when we note the number of deaths caused by tractors on the farm.

Provincial statistics on accidental farm deaths for 1955, compiled by the Alberta Safety Council, show the alarming figure of 69. Of these, 22 resulted directly from the tractor. The largest number killed from one source was six, all from backtipping of tractors.

While the Alberta Safety Council is vitally concerned with all types of accidents and their elimination, it will be stressing in coming months, by way of actual demonstration, prevention of accidents by the back-flipping tractor. In demonstrations of last year, the council found that many operators didn't fully realize why a tractor could tip backward with ease and speed when conditions were right.

With this in mind, the council's summer program will have two tractors on the agricultural fair circuits, demonstrating why the back-tipping tractor was the number one killer on Alberta farms in 1955. For the remainder of



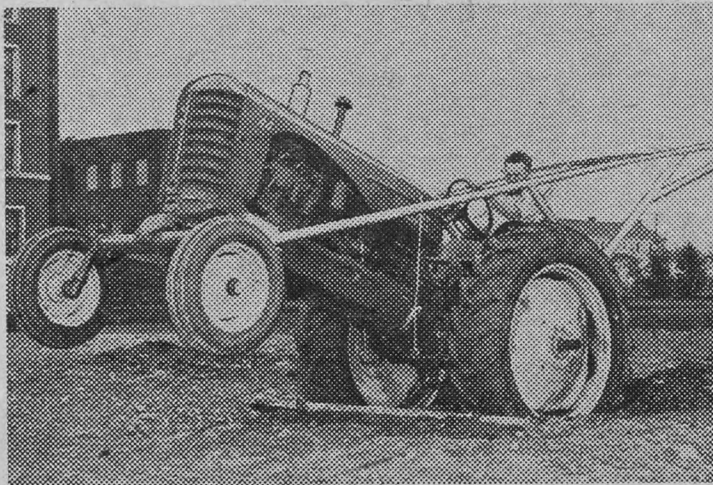
1956, let's make our motto: Safety Pays — All Ways!

Listed below are places and dates where it is hoped tractor tipping demonstrations will be held in conjunction with agricultural fairs:

Edmonton, July 16-21; Lloydminster, July, 23-25; Vermilion, July 26-28; Vegreville, July, 30 - Aug. 1; Red Deer, Aug. 2-4; Camrose, Aug. 6-8; Olds, Aug. 10-11; Westlock, Aug. 15-16.

Medicine Hat, July, 19-21; Lethbridge, July 26-28; Wetaskiwin, July 31-Aug. 1; Grande Prairie, Aug. 3-4; Fahler, Aug. 7-8; Battle River, Aug. 9-10, Berwyn, Aug. 11; High Prairie, Aug. 14-15.

Copies of "Accidental Deaths of Farm Residents" are available on request from the safety council's offices in Edmonton.



**COMMON FARM PRACTICE** when trying to get out of ditch or hole is to chain a log to drive wheels of tractor. A safety council operator, using protected demonstrator tractor, shows accident proneness of such practice. Vertical line in front of wheel denotes tractor's pivoting point . . . much further back than most operators realize.

## Sixth Not Enough

While Alberta is first among the three prairie provinces in the production of Grade A eggs, she is sixth in Grade A egg production in the whole of Canada. The provincial average for Grade A eggs over the year (through registered egg grading stations) is consistently lower than the average for all of Canada. R. H. McMillan, Alberta's poultry commissioner, points out that last year the Canadian average for Grade A's was 87 per cent while Alberta's average was only 78 percent.

The most outstanding difference was for

the month of July. The average for all of Canada was 80.4 per cent Grade A's and Alberta's average was only 57 per cent. For the same month, Mr. McMillan points, Alberta produced 35.7 per cent Grade B eggs while the Canadian average was only 13.9 per cent Grade B.

Mr. McMillan says one of the major factors causing losses to poultry producers is the management and care of the egg. He brings out several important points in respect to management. Confine layers to the laying house at all times. Birds allowed to range produce off-colored yolks and poor flavored eggs. Provision of ample floor space, litter, nesting material and cleanliness are all important. Male birds should be removed promptly after the breeding season. Feeding a balanced, whole grain laying mash, oyster shell, grit and an abundance of clean water is essential.

Frequent gathering of eggs, storing in a cool humid atmosphere and at least twice weekly marketing will pay dividends in increased volume of quality eggs, says Mr. McMillan.

Management and egg care are discussed in bulletins available from the Poultry Branch of the Alberta Department of Agriculture.

### GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION

The Alberta Government's montly publication, "Within Our Borders", is anxious to expand its mailing list this summer.

This pictorially illustrated magazine is designed to acquaint people of the province with administration and services of the government. Items are often carried which are of particular interest to rural people.

Anyone who would like to receive the publication regularly, is invited to forward his name and address to Within Our Borders, Room 502, Legislative Buildings, Edmonton, Alta. There is no subscription or mailing charge.

### DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

- District 3—July 7, Westlock
- District 4—July 5, St. Paul
- District 5—June 27, Evansburg
- District 6—July 6, Vegreville or Lamont
- District 7—July 4, Vermilion
- District 8—June 30, Forestburg
- District 9—June 28, Ponoka
- District 10—June 29, Olds



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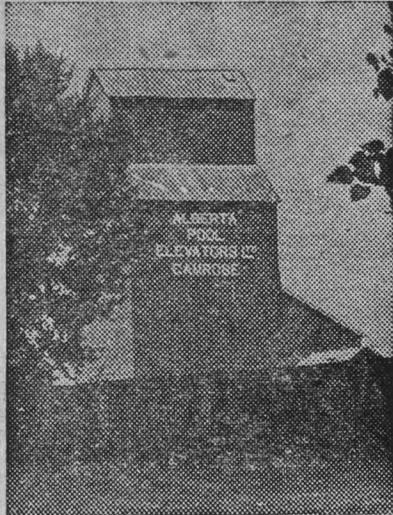
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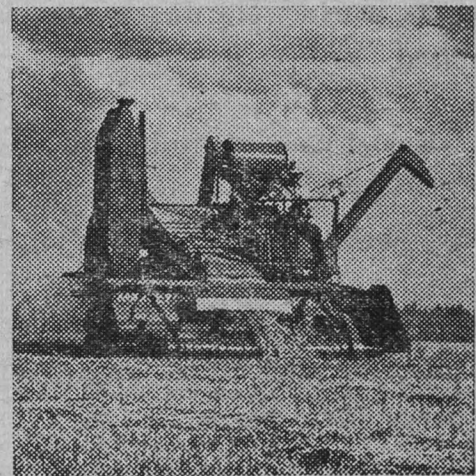


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